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RESPONSE TO IAEA GC DEMARCHE

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(C) 1. On August 19 Poloff delivered reftel points to Deputy Chief for IAEA issues in the MFA Office of Disarmament and Arms Control Hans-Peter Hinrichsen, stressing the hope that Germany not break EU consensus in opposing action on the proposed Arab League resolution on Israeli Nuclear Capabilities. Hinrichsen had no immediate response, but, he said an Egyptian contact had told him that Egypt intends to strongly defend its resolution. Post will report any follow-on response from Germany when received.

(C) 2. Hinrichsen also confirmed recent press reporting that Germany is prepared to consider additional sanctions against Iran in September if Iran does not respond to the U.S. offer of dialogue. While Germany would prefer that this be done with Russia and China in the UNSC, Hinrichsen said Germany is prepared to go forward with sanctions in cooperation with the U.S. and EU. He stressed, however, that it could be very difficult to find a consensus within the EU, with several countries -- including EU president Sweden -- concerned that further sanctions could prove counter-productive. Hinrichsen ruled out additional German national sanctions outside the EU. He also wondered how seriously the U.S. considered September to be a deadline for Iran to respond to the offer of dialogue. He emphasized the need to coordinate as closely on this issue as possible.  
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